

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
May 1, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, May 1, 1923, and was called to order by City Clerk Bartlett at 8:00 P.M. A roll call disclosed the presence of Trustees Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh, and the absence of President Gilbert; whereupon Trustee Stone moved that Trustee Proctor act as President pro-tem. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 1923, were read and approved as read.

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A communication from the Sentinel Oil Co., Los Angeles, was read, the same asking permission to cross Date Street with a water, steam, oil and gas line, as per an attached exhibit.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved the granting of the request, calling the Oil Co's. special attention to the condition in which the street is left. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the Torrance Oil & Development Co., asking that 12 permits for oil derricks be issued on certain locations as specified.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the permits be granted, but that the Company be apprized of the fact that the permits are good only for 60 days, after which time said permits become obsolete and the money automatically forfeited. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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The Pacific Electric letter refusing to install automatic flagmen at Cabrillo and Carson and Cabrillo and Double was laid on the table until next meeting--Trustee Stone recommending that actual data be gathered as to speed, time, number of car, etc. so that affidavit might be made, if necessary.

In the matter of the Santa Fe & Los Angeles Harbor Railway franchise, only one bid was received--that being from the above named company. The bid of \$100.00 was accompanied by a certified check for said amount; and also by a certified check for \$500.00 as a guarantee of their good faith.

Trustee Stone moved that the bid of \$100.00 be accepted, and, as it was the intention of this Board to grant the franchise, the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to that effect. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The East road correspondence between the City and the Engineering Department of the City of Los Angeles was ordered placed on file. Trustee Fitzhugh making a motion to this effect, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote.

The request of Gordon C. Rolls to operate a lunch wagon in the City was refused on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Mr. Hurum E. Reeve requested permission to build a corrugated iron building on the back of his lot for storage purposes, stating that the floor would be of cement. Mr. Huddleston made practically the same request.

Trustee Stone moved that the Building Ordinance be changed so as to accommodate this class of building in Fire District No. 1. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Gilbert.

Mr. C. E. Rathbun appeared before the Board requesting permission to place a lunch wagon on a lot across from the P.M.P. back 30 feet from the curb; that he intended to furnish benches so that a man might eat his lunch more comfortably, also providing a shade.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the request be granted with the proviso that the permit be revocable at the option of the Board. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Huddleston was assured by President pro-tem Proctor that the man-hole in the alley back of his place of business would be attended to immediately as forms for this purpose were being procured.

The owner requested, through Clerk Bartlett that he be allowed to erect a corrugated iron stand on his lot across from the Union Tool Co's. office for the purpose of serving lunches to employees.

The request was denied on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Clerk Bartlett also put before the Board the request of Messrs. Bradley & Chapple to operate a parking place on the above mentioned lot.

Trustee Stone moved that the request be granted on condition that a deposit of \$20.00 be posted with the City to insure the repair of the sidewalk, if necessary. Another condition was that the permit was revocable at any time at the option of the Board. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone moved that the Clerk write a letter to the City Engineer instructing him that it is the will of this Board that trees in the business district may be removed at the request of property owners. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Concerning the proposed Electric wiring Ordinance, Trustee Fitzhugh reported that according to the best advice he had been able to gather, knob and tube work through the joists or knob work suspended from the rafters was the best plan outside of conduits, and recommended the same be placed in the said Ordinance.

Trustee Stone moved that the recommendations as placed by Trustee Fitzhugh be incorporated in the proposed Ordinance. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash reported that no budget had been prepared for this evening's meeting as the time was too short, and that hereafter, he recommended the budget report be submitted in the middle of the month as it would give a more uniform basis for computation and comparison.

Trustee Proctor reported on the El Prado park proposition, showing a design that had been submitted and also reading an offer to do the work and furnish everything necessary, also to take care of same for one month thereafter, for the sum of \$750.00.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for doing the proposed work in the El Prado park. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; President Gilbert.

The Arlington Avenue hearing was postponed until the first meeting in June on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Nash and a majority vote.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to re-advertise for bids for the franchise asked by the Union Tool Co. on 213th Street, and that said bids be opened, publicly, at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday June 5, 1923. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 117

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO CERTAIN PROPERTY IN
FAVOR OF THE DOMINGUEZ LAND CORPORATION

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 117 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; President Gilbert.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 52

ESTABLISHING STREET GRADES ON 218TH STREET BETWEEN CABRILLO AVENUE AND MANUEL AVENUE, ON 220TH STREET, 222D STREET AND PLAZA DEL AMO, BETWEEN MARTINA AVENUE AND CABRILLO AVENUE, ON CABRILLO AVENUE, ANDREO AVENUE, AND GRAMERCY AVENUE BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND PLAZA DEL AMO, ON MARTINA AVENUE BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND 222D STREET, ON MANUEL AVENUE BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND 218TH STREET, ON MADRID AVENUE, AMAPOLA AVENUE AND COTA AVE. BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND DOMINGUEZ AVENUE, AND ON DOMINGUEZ STREET, 208TH STREET, 210TH STREET, REDONDO BOULEVARD, 214TH STREET AND 216 TH STREET BETWEEN COTA AVENUE AND MADRID AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 52 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Gilbert.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 54

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIRING AND REMOVING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE SAME, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR"

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 54 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Stone and Proctor.

NOES; Trustee Fitzhugh.

ABSENT; President Gilbert.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF VARIOUS BUSINESS LICENSES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5 'AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATING THE CARRYING ON OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, TRADES, CALLINGS AND OCCUPATIONS CARRIED ON WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE"

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 55 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Fitzhugh, Stone and Proctor.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Gilbert.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 56

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIRING AND REMOVING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR THE SAME, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR"

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 56 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Recorder submitted his monthly report. The amount of fines collected for the month of April was \$505.00.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the check be accepted and the report placed on file. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Building permits for April amounted to \$127,425.00.

Total fees collected by the City Clerk for 1922 were \$2400.00

Total fees collected since January 1, 1923 2844.59

No specific action was taken regarding sidewalk signs as mentioned by Police Cheif Anderson who also reported several near accidents on Cabrillo Street on account of cars being parked at an angle and having to back out close to the P. E. tracks in order to get going, nor was any action taken regarding the dumping of sand on the sidewalks.

Trustee Nash moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Nash, Stone and Proctor.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Gilbert.

At 10:50 P.M. Trustee Stone moved to adjourn.

Approved:

Leola F. Wells
President pro-tem of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.

Adrian B. Bantick
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.